# Wolf Tracks

## Wolf Tracks at Co-Lin

April 15, 2024

*We will be known by the tracks we leave behind. - Dakota Proverb*

## From Dr. Dewayne Middleton

***The Board of Trustees met at the Thames Conference Center on the Wesson Campus on Thursday, April 4, 2024. A summary of actions taken by the Board follows:***

APPROVED/RATIFIED THE FOLLOWING:
Full police powers for LaToya Beacham – Wesson Campus/Co-Lin District
EMPLOYMENT OF:
Mary Catherine Franklin – Enrollment Specialist/Recruiter/Cheer Coach (WC)
Dr. Pernell Goodwin – Vice President of the Natchez Campus (NC)
Donald Jason Harrell – Assistant Band Director (WC)
Nicholas Coker – CTE/Diesel Equipment Technology Instructor (NC)
Bennie Wade Jr – CTE/Cyber Security Instructor (NC)

RESIGNATION OF :
Ramona Thomas – Radiologic Technology Instructor (WC)
Marcus Washington – OJT Coordinator (Natchez WIN Job Center)
Greshka Stuart – Academic Counselor (SCC)

RESIGNATION UPON RETIREMENT OF:
Dr. Rob Channell – Academic Science Instructor (WC)
Barbara Foster – Associate Degree Nursing Instructor (WC)
Stacy Dixon – Associate Degree Nursing Instructor (WC)
Pamela Hughes – Associate Degree Nursing Instructor (WC)
Beth Richard – Learning Resource Director (NC)

PROMOTION OF:
Hope Berry to CTE/Practical Nursing Director (SCC)

Full-time personnel contracts for the college district
Purchase orders over $5,000
Sole source – Ellucian CampusLogic, Inc.

HEARD A REPORT/UPDATE ON:
Board committee assignments
FY 2022 Audit
Budget committee
Current projects
Campus/student activities
Upcoming events

## From Jackie Martin

**VISIT**
We enjoyed having State Treasurer David McRae on campus for a tour and to talk about workforce and economic development for Mississippi.

# Wesson Campus

**CO-LIN C.A.R.E.S.**
In honor of Child Abuse Prevention month, the Co-Lin C.A.R.E.S. club teamed up with Southwest MS Child Advocacy Center to host the Pinwheels for Prevention garden in front of Smith Hall.

**SKD INDUCTION**
Congratulations to the new inductees of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society for students at two-year colleges! Induction into Sigma Kappa Delta is a testament to the hard work and dedication of these outstanding students!

**JR. HIGH MATH**
It was a great day at our annual Junior High Math Competition! Students from 10 of our district junior high schools participated in this year's competition.

**SCHOLAR**
Ole Miss has named Co-Lin sophomore Colton Fuqua a prestigious Lyceum Scholar! This award earns Colton a full-tuition scholarship for the next two years.

**SCHOLAR**
Co-Lin sophomore Logan Case will receive the prestigious Mississippi State University Presidential Partnership Scholarship! This scholarship covers the cost of full-time tuition at MSU for the next two years.

**ART**
Co-Lin Art Department students, Reagan Newman, Z'ykius Boyd, and Emily Rushing were recommended and invited to participate in the 3rd Annual JUCO Intensive Invitational at the MSU Art Department.

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# Wesson Campus

**SPRING CONCERT**

The annual Spring Spectrum Concert was such a treat! We applaud our Concert Band, Jazz Band, ensembles, Sojourners, and faculty members on a job well done.

**COMPETITION**

Students from the Art Department participated in the MCCAIA Student Art Competition held at Southwest MS Community College.

**NTHS INDUCTION**

Congratulations to the 39 students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

**PTK AWARDS**

The Eta Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (Wesson Campus) recently traveled to Orlando, Florida for the Catalyst International PTK Convention. Out of almost 1,300 PTK chapters nationwide, the Eta Omega Chapter was named a Top 100 Chapter and was one of only 34 chapters recognized as Most Distinguished Chapter! We are so proud of the way this group represents Co-Lin!

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**SCIENCE QUEST**

We enjoyed having 10 district high schools on campus to compete in our annual Science Quest competition.

**DATA CONFERENCE**

Co-Lin staff attended the 2024 Statewide Data Conference March 7-8 at the Mississippi Public Broadcasting in Jackson, MS. The conference was hosted by the Mississippi Community College Board.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Mu Alpha Theta volunteered at the Center for Pregnancy Choices of Lawrence County.

**PREVIEW DAYS**

Over 700 high school juniors, came for Preview Days! We had campus tours, performances, PJ's Coffee, good music, dancing, cotton candy, games, and more.

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# Simpson County Center

**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Dr. Dewayne Middleton, College President, was recently named Outstanding Citizen of the Year at the Magee Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Dr. Middleton is an exceptional leader who has made significant contributions and had a positive impact on our community. Congratulations, Dr. Middleton on this well-deserved recognition!

**EMPOWERED EVENT**

Dr. Floyd, VP of Simpson County Center, Nicole Cheramie, Director of Student Services, and Shanijua Byrd, Workforce Career Coach, attended the EmpowerEd event hosted by the Lillie Hardy Foundation March 2nd. We are thankful for partnerships aiming to help our local youth succeed.

**WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY RECRUITER**

Ben Thompson, Recruitment Coordinator for Admissions, from William Carey University was on campus March 5th from 9 am – 12 pm in the front lobby sharing transfer information.

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI RECRUITER**

The Transfer Recruiter from Ole Miss, Abbey, was on campus March 20th from 9 am-12 pm in the front lobby sharing information for interested students.

**DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY**

We were honored to spend time with local elementary students on Friday to kick off Read Across America Week!

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**CAREER-EXPLORATION DAY**

Career-Exploration Day was held at the Simpson County Center on March 26th for the Simpson County Technical Students. The students toured the Career-Tech Building and spoke to the different Career-Tech instructors that were on hand to answer questions that they had.

**PTK MS/LA REGIONALS**

The Beta Xi Psi officers and members of Phi Theta Kappa attended the MS/LA Regional meeting at William Carey University February 29th and March 1st. As ambassadors of Copiah-Lincoln Simpson County Campus, they represented our campus attending various events. The meeting allowed members to interact with PTK chapters from Mississippi and Louisiana. Gaven Ferguson was honored as a Golden Key recipient.

**HUMANITIES INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

The Mississippi Humanities Council honored Mrs. Janie Blakeney as the Humanities Instructor of the Year. Mrs. Blakeney's presentation titled "Ink and Justic: The Role of Literature in Challenging Inequality" was both enlightening and informative. Congratulations, Mrs. Blakeney!

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# Natchez Campus

**MCCLA**
CTE Director, Tiffany Woods, Vice President-Interim, Dr. Ronnie Nettles, and Comptroller, Kina Leggett attended the MCCLA Conference.

**FTC MEETS**
The Future Teachers Club met on April 2 with English instructor, Lacye Schmidt.

**PTK SPRING**
PTK Advisor, Cheryl Hunt, and PTK student, Adara Blalock, attended the Phi Theta Kappa Conference in Florida on April 3-5, 2024.

**RECRUITER**
Student, Shikera Washington, poses with the Alcorn State University recruiter.

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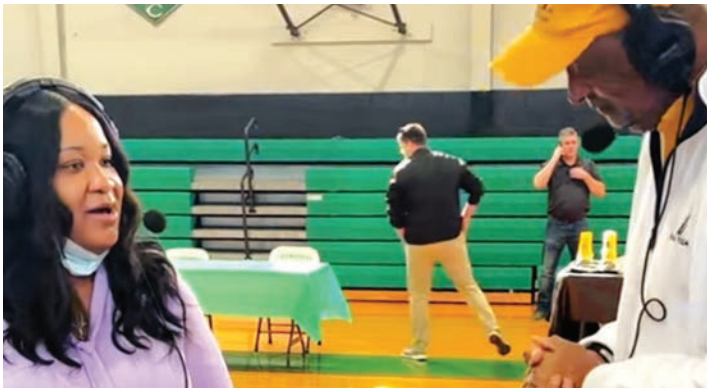
# Natchez Campus

**SPRING FLING**
Students, Faculty & Staff have a blast at Spring Fling 24 on the Natchez Campus.

**HARMONY DAY**
CTE Secretary, Jasmine Morris, and Counselor, Rukiya Abston visit students during the Harmony Day Career Expo at Cathedral School.



**HARMONY DAY**
Sharon Turner, Director of Student Services, does radio interview during the Harmony Day Career Expo.

**PIZZA PARTY**
Student, Kennedy Wilson, serves pizza at the Natchez Campus Spring Kickoff Event.

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# Natchez Campus

**Natchez Campus College & Career Fair 2024**

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# Natchez Campus

**ECLIPSE**
Students, Faculty & Staff enjoy the Solar Eclipse with special glasses given by the Science department.

Find us on facebook
www.facebook.com/CoLinNatchez

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# Personnel/ Campus News

## Personnel

**PRAYER LIST**
**Alice Pouncy** - Amy Lewis's mother

**SYMPATHY**
Mrs. Jan Channell, mother of Dr. Rob Channell, biology instructor and assistant tennis coach, passed away April 8 at the age of 76. Mrs. Channell was a former teacher and cheer sponsor at Wesson Attendance Center. Services were April 12, at Strong Hope Baptist Church. Please keep the Channell family in your thoughts and prayers.

**CONGRATULATIOINS**
Congratulations to Daniel and Carrie Case on the birth of a granddaughter, Parker Alane, born March 25. Parker weighed 7 lb., 15 oz. and 19" long on arrival. Parents are Riely and Laina (Thames) Case both Co-Lin graduates. Welcoming her home is big sister Kennedy.

Congratulations to JP and Lynn McInnis on the birth of a granddaughter Ava Jane Freeman on March 26 at KDMC. Proud parents are Claire and Johnathan Freeman. JP is the director of technology for the college.

Congratulations to head baseball Coach Adam Chamblee and his wife Emily on the birth of a daughter, Mary Leighton Chamblee, born March 27, at 6 lb. 8 oz. and 21 inches long. Also welcoming Mary Leighton is big sister Mills Katherine.

Congratulations to Early Childhood Education Teacher Julie Pickering on the birth of a grandson, Brantley Weston Young, born April 11 weighing 7lb 15oz. Proud parents are Chelsea and Daniel Young (both Co-Lin alums). Big sister is Alyson Claire Young.

**REGISTRATION**
The following dates for the 2024 Pre-Registration/Orientation sessions have been approved by all campuses. Please be mindful of these date as you plan your summer vacation.

Honors- April 23, 2024 (Afternoon)
June 7, 2024
July 12, 2024

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# Campus News/Policy Spotlight

## Policy Spotlight

Requests for Employee Handbook revisions should be submitted at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HandbookUpdates

**Overtime Pay (Non-exempt Employees)**

Non-exempt employees are eligible to receive overtime pay at the rate of 1.5 times the base rate of pay. Overtime only applies when an employee has been actively working for more than 40 hours during a workweek.

Supervisors should approve any overtime. If overtime is worked without prior approval, disciplinary action can be taken.

# Workforce Education

**ANNUAL JOB FAIR**

Scenes from the Wesson Campus 34th Annual Job Fair hosted by the Workforce Education Division in March 2024.

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# Workforce Education

**NATCHEZ WIN**
Co-Lin staff Sandy Smith, Chantal Marsaw Williams, Lorri Alles, and Krysti Martinez are part of the Workforce Division and we are proud of their efforts to help job seekers and students in the Natchez area! The were on hand to help attendees with all their job-searching needs at the Co-Lin Natchez Career and College Fair on Wednesday, April 3rd. (l to r) Sandy Smith, Chantal Marsaw Williams, Lorri Alles, and Krysti Martinez

**MARCAL PAPER** (Natchez)
Great minds and resources! Workforce training stakeholders from Natchez, Inc. , Natchez Workforce Development , and Copiah-Lincoln Community College toured Marcal paper in Natchez on Friday to discuss employee training needs. We're excited to partner with Marcal to ensure their workforce has the skills they need to succeed! Representing Co-Lin: Workforce Media Specialist Celeste Williamson, Dean of Workforce Education Dr. Geanell Adams, Program Coordinator of Automation & Control Technology (Natchez Campus) John Hoggatt, Wesson Campus Vice President Jackie Martin, Director of Career and Technical Education Tiffany Woods.

**CCMA GRADUATION**
Huge congrats to our amazing Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) Group. You completed your training program and now it's on to acing your NHA licensure exams. We're so proud of your dedication and know you'll all do fantastic! Students: Ta'Kyla Brothern, Malorie Carlisle, Evonnie Owens, Ineisha Pendleton, Chiquita Rancifer.

**GUEST SPEAKER**
Workforce staff were pleased to have guest speaker Joe Farr for the CCMA graduation. He is an alumnus of Copiah-Lincoln Community College's EMT-Basic and RN program, and today, he at the helm of King's Daughters Medical Center Information Systems as Director. KDMC is a valued supporter of Co-Lin in many ways including our CCMA clinical site host.

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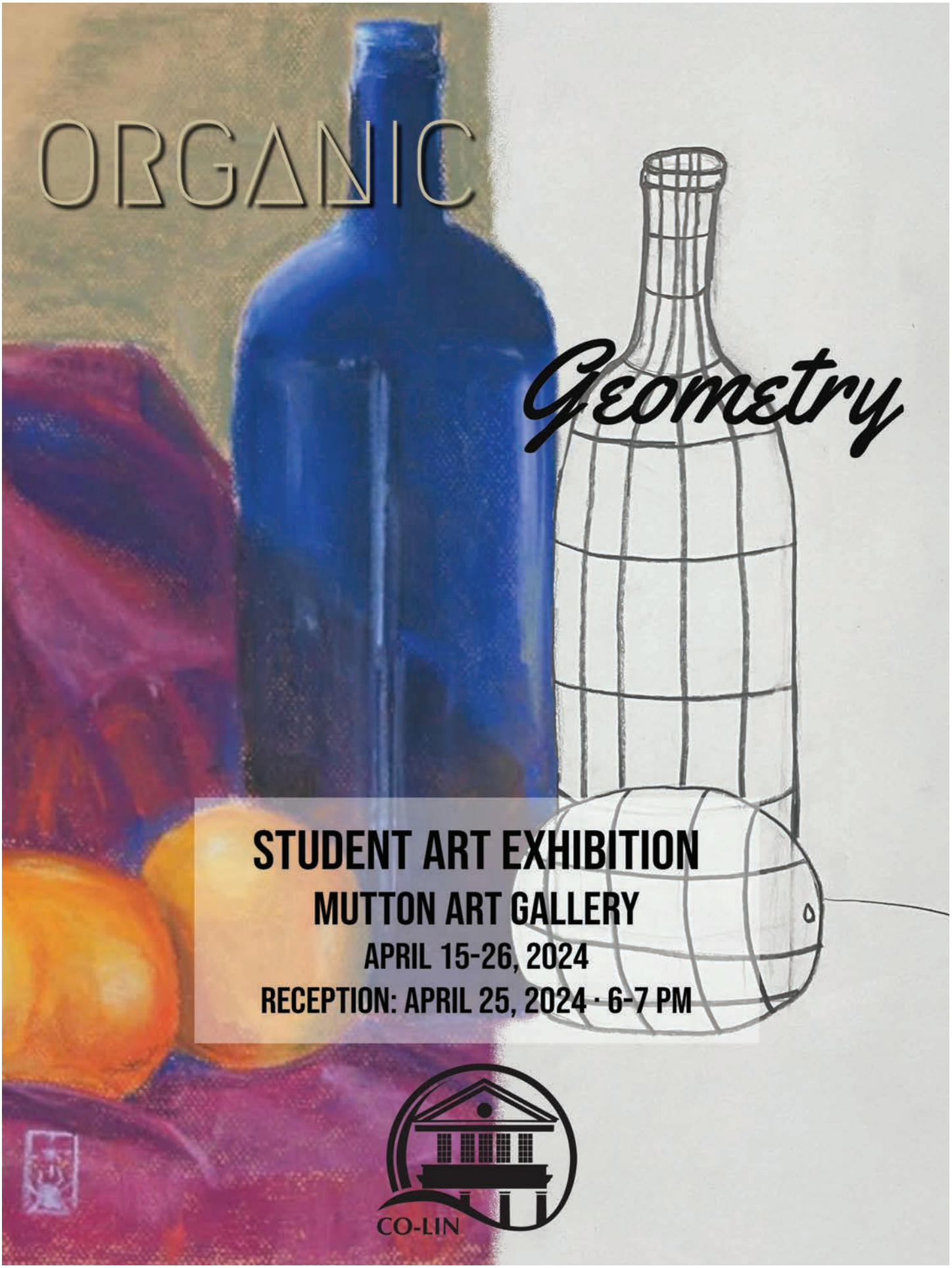
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